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1. In early August the Shanghai Government established a training class of political workers whose duties will be to control all elements which have gone over to the Communists. The membership consists of 340 persons who are connected with the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, the National Democratic Reconstruction Association, the China Democratic League, and the Chiu San (Third of September) Society. The group of the Chiu San Society is headed by HSU Te-hang (胡德行), who has been recruited for a three months training period beginning 20 August.
2. In mid-August the United Front Department of the South Kiangsu area established a class for political research to stabilize the political thought of the members of political parties which are cooperating with the Communists. A total of 400 members of various parties are attending at the Sunan (海南) Public School. WU T'ien-shih, head of the school, is also head of the research class.
3. After the summer census of 1951 police units were assigned to every pao (each pao consisting of 100 to 300 families) in Shanghai to check families and arrest those suspected of anti-Communist activities. A joint-guarantee system is being enforced, whereby all families in a street are penalized for the failure of someone on the street to report any suspicious person appearing in the street. Anyone moving to Shanghai is required to obtain a clearance from the hsien or hsiang government of his native place before he is permitted to remain in Shanghai.<sup>1</sup>
4. On 8 August Nanking authorities started a large scale census check assisted

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by junior middle school students. The object of the check is to tighten population controls by recording all personal data, such as educational background, social and political connections, present occupation and monthly income of each resident.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Between 25 April and the middle of July about 70,000 persons had been arrested and killed in Shanghai.